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MINERALS PROGRAM  
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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Holland Shepherd, Reclamation Specialist *HW*

RE: Clark Brothers Mines/Claims, DOE/015/022 and DOE/015/023,  
Emery County, Utah

I stopped by the Clark Brother's mine sites on July 25, 1989 to evaluate any activity and associated surface disturbance. I met a Mr. Jim Hewitt, at the site, who is the mine manager of what is called the Millers Rock Mine which is owned by a Mr. Bret Clark, who is one of three Clark brothers, the other two Clark brothers are Tom Clark and Bob Clark.

Three different sites are found in this area running on about a north to south axis. According to Mr. Hewitt the southern most is Bret Clark's mine site, the middle is controlled by Bob Clark, the northern most is controlled by Tom Clark. At one time, all three sites were owned by a T.J. Clark, who filed the original claims. T.J. Clark died four years ago and his three sons, Bob, Tom and Bret took over the claims. According to Mr. Hewitt, the decisions, as to who got which claim, were not made in complete accord, and fights ensued among the three brothers. As to who really owns which claim, at this time, is not entirely clear to any of the parties concerned, including the federal agency (reference July 27, 1989 conversation with Neil Simmons of the BLM).

The acreages associated with these three sites, if totaled all together, would equal something very close to 5 acres or over. The Millers Rock Mine encompasses some 2 1/2 acres of disturbance. The Bob Clark site encompasses perhaps 1/2 acre of disturbance. The Tom Clark site encompasses some 2 acres of disturbance.

I asked Mr. Hewitt if the mines had been active in the recent past. He indicated to me that the Millers Rock Mine had not been active since 1973. The other sites, however, have been active more recently.

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According to Mr. Hewitt, the BLM has approached him on the matter of cleaning up the Millers Rock mine site. The mine site, today, is cluttered with old pieces of machinery, buildings, and trash. The BLM had been notified, by citizens complaint, that this site needed to be cleaned up. Since BLM notification, Mr. Hewitt has cleaned up some of the site. However, more work needs to be done at the site to bring it into compliance with State rules.

According to some of the locals, the site is much cleaner than it was at one time. At one time, several transients lived at the mine site itself, in an old shack and disposed of most of their debris on site. Also, according to Mr. Hewitt, the locals liked using the site for dumping of excess debris. There is still a great amount of trash and debris at the site, which resulted in a terminally flat tire. Evidently, I ran over something very sharp and large on the ground, as I was driving around at the Millers Rock mine site.

Mr. Hewitt indicated that he would like to be made aware of the changes in our minerals rules and requested that I send him a copy of those rules, along with the forms. He also requested that I send copies of that material to Mr. Bret Clark, who lives in Salt Lake City, and who, apparently, runs a processing facility for the humic shale in Salt Lake.

I later spoke to Mr. Bret Clark (phone conversation on July 26, 1989) about the activities at this site. Mr. Clark indicated that the mine has been active recently (within the last two months) and he has been processing ore from the site. Mr. Clark runs the Hub Research Facility in Salt Lake City.

Mr. Clark also indicated that he legally has control over all the T. J. Clark claims and that the other mining operations developed on the property were illegal. Apparently, civil litigation has occurred, or is occurring in regard to the claim jumping.

I sent Mr. Clark a copy of the new rules and regulations on July 26, 1989. It will be necessary to make another trip to this area to make an acreage determination for 5 acres and under status. This I plan to do in late summer or fall.

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cc: Lowell Braxton  
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